



RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

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## INFORMATION REGARDING Ph.D. Entrance Test and Application Form

- (1) The Ph.D. Entrance Test 2026 batch (for Ph.D. in Law; Ph.D. in English, History, Economics, Sociology and Political Science) may be conducted by the University on **10<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The last date for inviting applications may accordingly be considered as **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**.
- (2) The preference shall be primarily given to the candidates in the areas like — Alternative Dispute Redressal (ADR), Business Laws, Information and Technology Laws, Air and Space Laws, etc. The proposals consisting of Empirical Research will be preferred.
- (3) The number of seats vacant for the Ph.D. Programme shall be notified separately through website. 15% seats shall be reserved for the **SC candidates**, 7.5% seats for the **ST candidates** and **5% seats for Specially Abled Persons (SAP)**. In case no qualified candidate would be available in the ST category, seat(s) shall be offered to the SC category, and if no qualified candidate(s) would be available in the SC category, the seat(s) shall be offered to the General Category candidates. **The reservation for specially abled persons shall be horizontal**. If no qualified candidates would be



available in SAP category the seat(s) shall be offered to General Category.

Provided that if seats allotted to SC/ST/SAP categories remain unfilled the vacant seats in these categories may be offered to candidates of respective categories, who have applied for Entrance Test, but could not qualify, if the candidates otherwise meet the eligibility conditions as provided in rule 2 above, such candidates shall be considered in the order of merit of the qualifying examination.

- (4) The Entrance Test shall be a written examination of three (3) hour duration of seventy (70) maximum marks comprising following four parts:
  - (a) Part-I - Research Method (20 MCQs) for 20 marks.
  - (b) Part-II - It shall comprise of three questions on Research Methodology out of which the candidate shall attempt two (2) of 7.5 marks each. This part shall have Total 15 marks.
  - (c) Part-III - This paper shall have three questions out of prescribed syllabus for Ph.D. in Law and Ph.D. in Social Sciences, Humanities, Criminology and English Language and Literature. Out of which candidate shall attempt any two (2) questions of 10 marks each. This part shall have total 20 marks.
  - (d) Part-IV – Essay of intent of 15 marks on any Research Topic of the choice of the candidate on the prescribed criteria



Each parameter contain 3 points      **3×5=15 Marks**

- (i) Research Methodology
- (ii) Contribution/Impact on the existing knowledge
- (iii) Current status of research in the proposed field
- (iv) Issues identified in present research
- (v) Understanding on the proposed topic

The qualifying marks of the test shall be 50% for the General Category. Provided that a relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/Specially Abled Persons (SAP).

- (5) After declaration of result, the qualified candidates shall appear for an interview for assessment of their research aptitude and the area of interest to be opted by the candidate.
- (6)
  - (i) The Foreign Embassy sponsored candidates shall also be exempted from appearing in the Entrance Test.
  - (ii) Such candidates however shall be required to write an Essay of Intent on any topic of his/her area of interest in about 1000 words at the time of time interview.
  - (iii) The merit for the UGC (JRF) candidate shall be prepared on the basis of the marks secured in the essay of intent out of 70 marks and interview out of 30 marks i.e. out of total 100 marks.